

News from the County Executive

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The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 3rd!



Election day is right around the corner! For a list of candidates, polling locations, ballot proposals or to view the ballot, please see County Clerk Cindy Luczak's [Primary Election](#) page

Bay County Wins National Award!

The Center for Digital Government released the award winners of the 2010 Digital Counties Survey during the NACO annual conference on Sunday, July 18th. Bay County received the honor of a Top 10 rating in the under 150,000 population category!



The applicants were judged on a number of criteria, including, but not limited to, cutting-edge technologies, collaborative projects with multiple jurisdictions, transparency and technologies deployed that improved life for government employees and/or citizens. The biggest factor for Bay County was the collaboration of our local law enforcement agencies in NetARMS, thanks to Sheriff John Miller.

Bay County is honored to accept this award and will strive to continually enhance our information technology to improve the service provided to our citizens.

[The 2010 Digital Counties Survey Award Winners](#)

Bay County Outdoor Warning Siren System Expansion

Bay County 9-1-1 is expanding the Outdoor Warning Siren System by investing in two additional mechanical outdoor warning sirens. The two new sirens will be located near the corner of Center and Lincoln and the Bay City State Park & Campground Area. These additional sirens will greatly enhance outdoor notification on Bay City's east side and Bangor Township. The sirens are mechanical and will wail during **TORNADO WARNINGS**.

Prior to this Outdoor Warning Siren System expansion, the system consisted of three sirens in and around Wenonah and Veterans Memorial Parks. Two of these sirens are digital and capable of transmitting voice announcements as well as siren sounds. The third siren is a mechanical siren that will wail when activated.

The sirens are maintained and activated by Bay County Central Dispatch 9-1-1. The sirens are tested every Wednesday at noon and six pm.

In the event the Outdoor Warning Siren System sounds for an actual emergency, tune into local television or radio for further instructions. Please **DO NOT CALL 911** as this will

and/or the [Voter Information](#) page.

To find your exact polling location, please visit the Secretary of State's [Voter Information Center](#) and plug in your information.

Quick Links

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August Board of Commission Meetings



August 10th -
Ways and Means
Committee
Meeting

August 10th -
Board of
Commissioners
Meeting
(Immediately
following Ways
and Means)

August 17th -
Personnel Judicial

tie up emergency lines that are reserved for emergencies only.

Please click [here](#) for more information on Bay County's Outdoor Warning Siren System.

FEMA, NOAA and Red Cross - [Severe Weather Preparedness Guide](#)

New Immunization Requirement for 11-18 Year Olds ~ Clinic on August 21st

The Bay County Health Department will hold a special walk-in immunization clinic on August 21st, from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Health Department located at 1200 Washington Avenue. The clinic was established to help parents meet the new immunization requirements for their children. **Children entering 6th grade for this upcoming school year, and any child from 11 to 18 years of age entering a new school district will need the following vaccinations:**



- One dose of Meningococcal vaccine
- One dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, and
- Two doses of Varicella (Chickenpox)

Older children, who have not received these shots, will also need these vaccinations. The clinic will only service the specified target group listed above. There is an administration fee of \$14.25 per vaccine. However, no child eligible for Federally Funded Vaccine will be denied State required immunizations for inability to pay. Special funded vaccines are available for children who have insurance with high co-pays and deductibles. Vaccine supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. For more information or regularly scheduled appointments, call (989)895-4009, select option 2 or visit the Bay County [Health Department website](#).

Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy Rain Barrel Event ~ July 24th

The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy is coordinating a one-day rain barrel distribution event on Saturday, July 24. The 55-gallon ENVIRO Rain Barrel will be available to area residents on a first come, first served basis for only \$54.00, tax included.

The sale runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and will be held at the EMCOR parking lot at Valley Center Tech Park off US 10 at Mackinaw Rd. exit; (2 miles West of US10 & I-75 interchange), 5154 Alliance Drive, Bay City.

Using rain barrels can help you save on your water bills

Committee Meeting

August 17th -
Human Services
Committee Meeting
(Immediately
following Personnel
Judicial)

* * All meetings
take place at 4:00
pm on the 4th floor
of the Bay County
Building

while helping to protect our water quality. Rain barrel use reduces rainwater run-off that carries sediments, grease, pesticides and fertilizers into local waterways. Rain barrel use also reduces soil erosion and improves the ability of rainwater to infiltrate soil at a reduced intensity.

For more information on this event, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

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